

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 23, as follows:

Thus, there is a need for a system and method for implementing a server control interface that allows ~~[[that]]~~ and facilitates the implementation of common tasks across a server or group of servers.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 3, as follows:

To mitigate the need for individually manipulating each individual server computer, some enterprise networks utilize a centralized control to remotely manage each individual server in the enterprise network. For example, some enterprise networks utilize a graphical control in which individual servers are managed by manipulating a graphical user interface ("GUI"). In such an embodiment, each server is represented as individual graphical icons within the GUI. Accordingly, the individual server icon may be selected by the system administrator to display various server properties and/or to allow the system administrator to ~~[[mange]]~~ manage the server from the centralized control.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5, as follows:

In yet another aspect of the present invention, a computer-readable medium having computer-executable components for providing a computing device control interface is provided. The computer-readable medium includes an action icon creating component for creating an action icon corresponding to a number of user selected actions. The computer-readable medium also includes a server icon component for creating a computing device icon corresponding to a number of computing devices that will execute the number of user selected actions corresponding to a selected action icon.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 8, as follows:

The server control computer 72 is connected via a network connection to a group of server computers. In an illustrative embodiment of the present invention, the server control computer 72 may utilize an external, public network connection, such as the Internet 80. Alternatively, the server control computer may utilize an Intranet, or dedicated external network connection to communicate with the server computers. As illustrated in FIGURE 1, an enterprise network can include a collection of server computers, such as database servers 82 ("DS"), application servers 84 ("AS"), and client servers 86("CS"). Each server computer may be connected directly to the ~~network, Internet 80~~ network 80. Alternatively, as illustrated in FIGURE 1 at 85, one or more server computers may be connected indirectly to the network 80 via another server computer. Additionally, the server computers may be grouped together according to a classification, such as the function of the server computer or the geographic location of the server. Accordingly, the server computers may be geographically remote from one another. One skilled in the relevant art will appreciate, however, that the enterprise network can include additional specialized server computers, or multi-purpose server computers.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 17, as follows:

Returning to FIGURE 2, at block 204, once the system administrator has obtained and confirmed the user selection of the server control parameters, at block 204, the GUI component 74 generates an action icon corresponding to the selected server control parameters. FIGURE 7 is an exemplary illustration of a screen display 120 for displaying the user selecting control parameters as an action icon in accordance with the present invention. The screen display 120 is similar to screen display 110 by including a display of all the previously ~~[[group]]~~ grouped control parameters 122 and a display of the all the grouped servers 124. However,

screen display 120 includes a new action icon 126 corresponding to the selected control parameters. Accordingly, the GUI component 74 has embodied the previously selected server control parameters into a single action icon 126. One skilled in the relevant art will appreciate that action icon 126 may be saved by the GUI component 74 and re-utilized by the user. Additionally, the GUI component 74 may include a number of pre-configured action icon groupings provided by the software provider. For example, the software provider may include action icons corresponding to specific operating system platforms and versions or for specific enterprise network configurations. Thus, the user may either utilize the pre-configured action icons or modify the pre-configured icons to suit the specific network.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 3, as follows:

With reference once again to FIGURE 2, at block 206, the GUI component 74 obtains a server group selection for the purpose of initiating a selected set of actions on the selected server group. In an actual embodiment of the present invention, the GUI component may be pre-configured with specific server groupings, such as the database servers, the application servers, or all the servers. Alternatively, the user may traverse one or more display screens to select a specific set of servers, such as according to geographic location. Additionally, the user may be able to repudiate one or more servers that would generally be included in the grouping. In an illustrative embodiment of the present invention, the selection of which servers will be included in the server group may also be based on the satisfaction of any one of a variety of server property criteria. For example, a user may indicate that the server group be limited to servers running a specific version of an operating system. Accordingly, the server control computer 72 could either configure which servers belong to the group at startup, or alternatively, upon deployment of an action.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 5, as follows:

Generally described, the script file generated by the script engine 78 includes the individual commands for initiating each selected action on each server in the selected group. Accordingly, in the event the system administrator wishes to reinitiate the specific action on the selected group of servers, the server control computer 72 accesses the saved script file and the actions are re-executed. Additionally, as will be readily understood by one skilled in the art, the script file may be editing ~~utilized~~ utilizing a standard text editing program to modify the selected actions and/or to add or remove servers from the selected group of servers.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 24, as follows:

Once the script engine 78 has generated the script file, the system administrator does not need to repeat the parameter selection process embodied in blocks 202-206 to re-implement the selected actions. Moreover, once one or more action icons have been created and saved, the actions may be implemented on any of the server groups displayed on the screen display 120 (FIGURE 7) without repeating the process embodied in blocks 202-206. Returning to FIGURE 2, at block 212, the process 200 terminates. The present invention facilitates the implementation of one or more actions, such as capacity planning data collection, ~~[[one]]~~ on multiple servers by a single manipulation of the user interface. Additionally, the present invention facilitates the repeated implementation and/or modification of previously selected action by utilizing a modifiable executable file. One skilled in the relevant art will further appreciate that the present invention mitigates the need for a system administrator to ~~dedicated~~ dedicate a great deal of time to hand generate a single script file capable of implementing one or more selected actions of a number of servers.